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### A DRASTIC MEASURE U. S. HITS BRITAIN

GREATEST WAR BUDGET IN HISTORY PRESENTED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

### A JOLT FOR BIG INCOMES

Very Rich Must Contribute Almost One-Third of Their Revenue—Workingmen Earning \$14 Weekly Are Caught in Net.

Washington, Sept. 20.—President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing conferred at length on Friday on the completed note of this government to Great Britain, and on the phases of the controversy with Germany over the sinking of the Arabic.

The points of the new note to Great Britain, as obtained from officials who have had part in putting it into present form, are:  
That as the United States has repeatedly and consistently denied specifically every one of the justifications set up by Sir Edward Grey, the British minister for foreign affairs, and Lord Crewe, his assistant, this government cannot fail to regard the persistent oppression of American commerce as unfriendly.

That Great Britain acted illegally when she took cases of seizure and detention out of the domain of diplomacy and made them merely matters for the British prize courts.

That the argument by Great Britain for such action is indefensible, because it is based on the order in council, which is itself illegal policy.

That the establishment of a blockade under the order in council which pretends to include neutral ports, is not justified by international law on the mere suspicion that neutral ports may be made the basis for unneutral acts.

That the contention of Great Britain that cargoes may be seized and detained on suspicion alone, without any assertion of reasonable proof, is absolutely untenable under any form of recognized law of nations.

That the United States has heretofore given Great Britain notice that it would not tolerate acts such as in the packers' case, which were based on the illegal withdrawal of questions of seizure and detention from the category of diplomatic questions. The United States has in fact filed its caveat, putting Great Britain on notice.

It is stated that there is in the note no suggestion of an ultimatum or a demand for a definite answer from Great Britain within any specified time.

### CARRANZA GETTING RESULTS.

### Consul Blocker Reports Conditions to United States

Washington, D. C.—Conditions in Mexican territory controlled by Gen. Carranza are rapidly becoming normal, according to advices to the state department from American Consul Blocker at Piedras Negras. Telegraphic communication, which for many months had been paralyzed, now is open to Mexico City, as well as to Saltillo, Monterey, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes and intervening stations. Railroad communication is in the process of repair, and rapid strides are being made, according to official advices.

The dispatch of mails to Mexico City has been resumed, according to an announcement from the postoffice department, and mail for the capital and outlying districts, which had been accumulating at the border, is being forwarded via Laredo.

General Blocker, describing conditions at Piedras Negras, stated that the Carranza administration was extending guarantees to all foreigners and had distributed circulars to soldiers warning them that any molestation of peaceable people and their property would result in severe measures of punishment.

### Bankers Endorse Big Loan.

Denver, Colo.—The investment of American capital in Europe at the present time was endorsed by the convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, in session here. The delegates expressed approval of a policy of extension of foreign credits, "not as indicating either partiality or prejudice, but solely as a matter of business and practically as a necessary outcome of existing conditions." The sentiment of the delegates was crystallized in a resolution introduced by W. R. Compton, of St. Louis, chairman of a special committee on agricultural credits, and passed unanimously by the convention.

### Death Ship to Be Sold.

Chicago.—The steamer Eastland, which capsized in the Chicago river July 24, drowning 812 persons, has been ordered sold by Federal Judge Landis to satisfy a claim of \$34,500 for the work of raising the boat from the river bottom. The ship will be sold at auction on December 20.

Memphis, Tenn.—Police and detectives declare they are without a tangible clue as to the identity of the person who September 21 killed a woman known her as Mrs. Marguerite Favaur, an actress, and J. C. Crowell, manager of a Greenwood, Miss., oil mill, in a fashionable apartment building here. The murderer set fire to the room in which the bodies were found, in an effort to hide evidence of the crime.

Winchester, Va.—William A. Baker, chocolate manufacturer and banker, died at his home here, aged 65 years.

WILSON AND LANSING COMPLETE NOTE TO ENGLAND—SEA POLICY UNFRIENDLY.

### CALL SHIP SEIZURE ILLEGAL

Persistent Oppression of American Commerce and Blockade of Neutral Ports Is Denounced in Latest Message as Unjustified by World Law.

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### STEFANSSON, EXPLORER, SAFE

### Discovers New Land Southwest of St Patrick Island—Was on Ice for Seven Months.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 20.—The power schooner Ruby arrived from Herasch Island, on the Arctic coast west of the mouth of the Mackenzie river with news that Vilhjalmur Stefansson the Canadian explorer, who with two companions, Storkerson and Ole Anderson, set out from Marit Point, Alaska, March 22, 1914, over the frozen Polar ocean to search for supposed new lands in the Beaufort sea, is not only alive and well, but has accomplished every purpose for which the hazardous journey was undertaken.

Capt. S. F. Cottle, master of the Ruby, says that Stefansson is on Banks land, east of the Mackenzie outlet for continuance of the explorations to the westward to ascertain the full extent of the new land discovered southwest of St. Patrick Island. Stefansson discovered a continuation of the continental shelf several degrees west of Banks land and even determined its southern limit, but was unable to continue his explorations to the north and west.

### BIG WAR FUND FOR BRITAIN

### House of Commons Gives Premier Authority \$1,250,000,000 to Carry on Conflict.

London, Sept. 17.—The credit of \$1,250,000,000 asked for by Premier Asquith to carry on the war to the middle of November was formally voted on Wednesday by the house of commons.

In making the motion for the war credit the premier announced that from July 18 to September 11 the daily net expenditure for the war had been \$17,500,000.

The new credit asked will bring the total up to \$5,310,000,000 since the beginning of the war.

The war cost for the next few weeks will mount still higher, Asquith said, approaching \$25,000,000 a day. The \$1,250,000,000 appropriation, he declared, will last only until the third week of November.

Anthony Comstock is ill. New York, Sept. 21.—Anthony Comstock is seriously ill at his home at Summit, N. J. The veteran vice crusader is in so weakened condition that it is feared that his seventy-two years will make it difficult for him to rally.

Austrians Defeat Italians. Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—After a fierce struggle, Austrians on the Carnic and Italian Alps have captured the Italian positions over a front nearly two and a half miles long, according to dispatches received from Vienna.

### CLEARING OUT A BAD NEST



PITTSBURGH DISPATCH.

### ENVOYS GET THREATS BRITISH SEIZE MEAT

### ALLIES' BANKERS GUARDED BY NEW YORK SLEUTHS.

U. S. Won't Interfere as Long as Big Loan Is Used to Purchase Supplies—Many Protest.

New York, Sept. 17.—Alarmed by the increased flood of threatening letters that continued to pour in on the Anglo-French finance commissioners at the Hotel Biltmore, the hotel management doubled its force of detective guards and advised the commissioners not to announce their movements in advance.

Every member of the commission is followed by two guards wherever he goes, and they go about separately to divide the danger of attack by anti-allies fanatics.

More than fifty threatening letters have been received by the commission. Their contents run the scale from abuse to threats against the lives of the commissioners.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Protests against the Anglo-French credit loan being negotiated in this country were received at the White House in telegrams from various parts of the country.

It was intimated that the administration would not take any action in the matter. As long as the loan is intended to pay for goods to be exported from this country, it was pointed out that the country's neutrality is not being violated.

### ARABIC EVIDENCE TO BERLIN

### U. S. Sends Data to Germany—Wilson Expects Modified Disavowal.

Washington, Sept. 17.—All of the evidence dealing with the sinking of the Arabic compiled by the United States has been forwarded to the Berlin foreign office through state department sources, at the request of the German ambassador. It will be considered by the German admiralty in the light of the report made by the submarine commander.

Count von Bernstorff is understood to believe that when this evidence, much of it the sworn statements of American citizens, is considered, that part of the Arabic note justifying the action of the submarine will be withdrawn voluntarily and a modified disavowal, strong enough to satisfy President Wilson, will be substituted.

### ACCEPT BERLIN EXPLANATION

### Germany Tells U. S. That Liner Hesperian Was Not Torpedoed by German Submarine.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The case of the Allan liner Hesperian, which was destroyed by an explosion about two weeks ago near Fastnet, has become practically a closed incident at the state department. Secretary Lansing received the report of the German admiralty in this case on Thursday, and the department is disposed to accept the German explanation. The main point in the admiralty report is that the vessel could not have been destroyed by a German torpedo, for the reason that the reports from submarines at the time of the accident show that none of them was in that locality.

### To Admit Canadian Cattle.

London, Sept. 20.—Secretary Acland of the government board of agriculture announced on Friday that the importation of live Canadian cattle would be allowed if they are slaughtered at the port of landing.

### Dutch Purchase Aeroplanes.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The treasury department was notified that the Dutch government has purchased 20 Curtiss type aeroplanes as the result of a series of experiments held at Los Angeles.

### New Aviation Record.

Washington, Sept. 21.—A new American aeroplane record for duration for pilot alone is held by Lieut. Walter K. Tallafero of the army. He made a mark of 9 hours and 48 minutes sustained flight at San Diego.

### Burman Lowers Record.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 21.—Bob Burman in a Peugeot car twice lowered the world's record for one mile on a speedway here by driving a mile in 46 1-5 seconds, following with a mile in 45 73-100 seconds.

### VILNA IS CAPTURED

GREAT RAILWAY CENTER OF RUSSIA FALLS—SLAVS FLEE FROM GERMANS.

### TERRIFIC BATTLE IS FOUGHT

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Now Controls Route to Petrograd and Moscow—Czar Loses Important Rail Lines—Defenders Are Routed.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Vilna, the great railroad and industrial center of northwestern Russia, has fallen before the German drive, which has taken 15 great cities and fortresses since the capture of Warsaw, capital of Poland.

The goal upon which the eyes of General von Hindenburg and all Germany has been set since Warsaw was entered, was captured Sunday by the forces of General von Eickhorn, which have been fighting stubbornly eastward since their capture of Kovno three weeks ago. The most desperate Russian resistance encountered in the entire German offensive has been crushed, and Germany now holds the key to the vital railroad system of Russia.

The coveted lateral railway from Rovno in the south to Riga in the north, with lines extending from Vilna to Petrograd, Moscow, Odessa and through the very heart of Russia is now controlled by German forces.

The capture of Vilna, a town of 170,000 population, and one of the manufacturing centers of Russia, is the seventeenth similar success attained since the German drive, which started on May 2 against Przemysl, has crossed into German soil near Warsaw and the Lublin-Chelm line in southern Poland.

The actual capture of Vilna, though predicted as imminent since the fall of Brest-Litovsk several weeks ago, appears to have been accomplished at last by a desperate rush of General von Eickhorn's forces, aided by a simultaneous offensive by Generals von Scheitz and von Gallwitz and Prince Leopold of Bavaria, conqueror of Warsaw.

The official announcement that the Russians were routed completely at the fall of the city leads to the assumption that though their losses in men killed and wounded were great, no body of troops was surrounded and captured.

### DUMBA PROTESTS HIS RECALL

### Austrian Ambassador in Letter to Lansing Says Action Is Unjust—Sought to Aid His People.

New York, Sept. 21.—Doctor Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, has addressed to Secretary of State Lansing a letter protesting the request for his recall as unjust.

The letter is devoted mainly to a defense of the ambassador's plan to defend other work for the nationals of his government employed in American munition plants.

Except to say that he takes exception to Mr. Lansing's charge that he confessed to having conspired to bring about strikes in American munition works, the ambassador makes no reference to the intercepted letter to the Austro-Hungarian minister for foreign affairs, upon which the request for his recall was based.

### DELAY ACTION ON MEXICO

### Mediators Agree Some Faction Must Be Recognized—Aspirants Must Prove Capability.

New York, Sept. 21.—The Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs announced at the conclusion of its meeting here on Saturday that each of the diplomatic representatives would recommend to their government that in their judgment the time has now come to extend recognition to a government in Mexico.

The faction to be recognized was not decided on.

They decided that the de facto government aspiring to recognition must possess "the material and moral capacity necessary to protect the lives of nationals and foreigners."

### MRS. DRUMMOND IS DEAD

### Former Mrs. Marshall Field of Chicago Dies in England—Mother of Two Richest Boys in World.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Malvina Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field II, is dead in England. Mrs. Drummond died on her estate, Cadland, near Southampton, on Saturday. In addition to Marshall Field III Mrs. Drummond is survived by two other children—Henry and Gwendolyn. The two boys are said to be the richest in the United States.

### Germany Will Annex Land.

Geneva, Sept. 21.—The Lusanne Gazette says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German empire the occupied territories in France and Belgium.

### French Lose at Bray.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—French forces suffered heavy losses southeast of Bray. A widespread explosion behind the French lines preceded the opening of the fight, which was successful to the Germans.



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